

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge the indication of the allowability of the subject matter of Claim 8, as set forth in paragraph 3 of the Office Action. In particular, Claim 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By the foregoing amendment, Claim 7 has been cancelled (Claims 1 through 6 having been cancelled by the preliminary amendment), Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form, and Claims 9 through 11 have been amended to depend from Claim 8. In addition, Claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 8 as well. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims of record in this application distinguish over the cited references, for the same reasons that Claim 8 distinguishes.

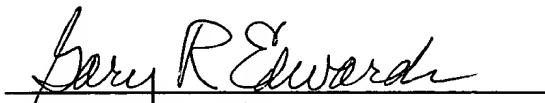
In light of the foregoing remarks, this application should be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #420LFK/50041).

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